

KY EEC DNR

#### OUR MISSION

TO ENSURE THAT ALL COAL MINERS IN THE COMMONWEALTH ARE PROVIDED WITH SAFE WORKING ENVIRONMENT; TO PROVIDE EFFECTIVE EDUCATION AND TRAINING TO COAL MINER TO FOSTER SAFE WORK PRACTICES; AND TO ENSURE THAT STATUTES AND REGULATIONS REGARDING COAL MINING ARE ENFORCED FAIRLY AND CONSISTENTLY THROUGHOUT THE COMMONWEALTH.



# Office of Mine Safety and Licensing

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FIRST QUARTER NEWS



*A word from  
The Executive Director*

Currently, there are 359 licensed mines in Kentucky; 165 underground mines and 194 surface mines.

These mining companies and the miners working at these mines produce over 113 million tons of coal each year.

Kentucky coal shipped to 18 electrical power plants located across the state provides for 95 % of Kentucky's electrical power needs.

The coal severance tax that comes from the coal you mine is important to many counties across Kentucky.

These mining companies in Kentucky provide jobs to 18,000 miners who depend on these jobs to put food on the table and provide a good lifestyle for their families.

So the contributions the Kentucky miners and Kentucky mining companies make are critical to Kentucky.

I wanted to take this opportunity to say I appreciate the work you do, we don't tell you enough the work you do is very, very important to Kentucky.

Work safe because you are truly Kentucky Coal Industry's most valuable resource.



## Mine Safety and Review Commission

**On January 19, 2001, Governor Paul E. Patton signed an Executive Order creating the Mine Safety Review Commission in a continued effort to protect coal miners throughout the Commonwealth. Subsequently, HB 258 was filed and enacted into law. In HB 258 the General Assembly declared that the highest priority and concern of the Commonwealth must be the health and safety of the coal industry's most valuable resource, the miner. Furthermore, the General Assembly determined that mine safety can be improved by the imposition and enforcement of sanctions against licensed premises and certified and non-certified personnel whose willful and repeated violations of mine safety laws place miners in imminent danger of serious injury or death.**

**Therefore, the Mine Safety Review Commission is charged with conducting hearings and issuing orders regarding licensees, coal operations, and other persons involved in the mining of coal in accordance with KRS 351.194. The Kentucky Office of Mine Safety & Licensing file administrative complaints with the MSRC. Hearings are held in accordance with KRS Chapter 13B. The MSRC consists of three members appointed by the Governor, who are subject to consent by the House of Representatives and the Senate. Currently, the members are as follows: William D. Donan, Stephen A. Sanders and Joe Childers. They serve four (4) year terms and may be reappointed. Each of the commissioners must possess the qualifications of a Court of Appeals Judge and are bound by the Judicial Code of Conduct. They are required by statute to complete the forty (40) hour new miner training program provided by OMSL and to visit both underground and surface mining operations. In addition, each of the commissioners is certified by the Kentucky Attorney General's office as an administrative hearing officer and conducts hearings in accordance with KRS Chapter 133.**





The Office of Mine Safety and Licensing has a proud history of providing mine rescue services to the Kentucky mining industry for over 30 years. The agency's 12 mine rescue teams practice throughout the year to ensure our teams maintain the skills necessary should Kentucky coal miners need our help. The MINER ACT currently requires mine rescue teams to visit each small underground coal mine (less than 36 employees) twice annually. It also requires mine rescue teams to visit each large underground mine (more than 36 employees) once annually. Pictured are the OMSL mine rescue teams as they comply with these requirements.



## *Opportunities for You:*

### **JOB OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE FOR UNDERGROUND MINE INSPECTORS AND MINE SAFETY ANALYSTS**

- Must have a Mine Foreman certificate
- Must have a Mine Inspectors certificate
- <http://personnel.ky.gov/employment/>

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## **2011 Kentucky Mine Rescue Contest Schedule**

### **April 27-28, 2011**

Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, Prestonsburg

**OMSL Mine Rescue Competition (KY State Teams Only)**

Contact- Ronnie Drake: 270-824-7523 or Johnny Greene: 502-573-0140

### **May 13-14, 2011**

Lexington, KY

**Smokeaters Post 2 Bench Contest (BG-4 and BioPak)**

Contact- Jim W. Langley: 606-546-5123

### **May 25-26, 2011**

Madisonville, KY

**West Kentucky Mining Institute, Safety Days Mine Rescues, Bench and Preshift**

Contact- Polly Wilson: 270-821-4180, ext 1239

### **June 14-16, 2011**

Hazard, KY

**Kentucky River Mine Rescue, First Aid, Bench and Preshift**

Contact- Craig Hall: 606-233-2117 or Ron Burns: 606-546-5123

### **July 11-14, 2011**

Pikeville, KY

**KEMI Mine Safety and Training Competition**

Contact- Daven Hoskins: 606-273-7202, Becca Cordon: 859-425-7800, ext 1159

Marlena Hughes: 606-432-0944

### **July 26-28, 2011**

Southeast KY Community & Technical College, Cumberland, KY

**Harlan County Safety Day Mine Rescue (2 Day) First Aid, Bench, and Preshift Contest**

Contact- Suzie Williams or Tracy Bailey: 606-589-5812

### **September 8-9, 2011**

Lexington, Ky

**Kentucky State Mine Rescue, Bench, Preshift and MET Contest**

Contact- Gueaunita Caylor: 859-257-2820

## Fatalities and Serious Injuries First Quarter 2011

**0**  
**Fatalities**



**1**  
**Serious  
injury**

To view a full report please go to:  
[HTTP://OMSL.KY.GOV/PAGES/KENTUCKYMINEFATALACCIDENTREPORTS.aspx](http://OMSL.KY.GOV/PAGES/KENTUCKYMINEFATALACCIDENTREPORTS.aspx)

### **Serious Injury:**

January 7, 2011

**Darrell Caine**

Webster County Coal/Dotiki Mine

Madisonville District

Machinery

*Make it a Point to Practice Safe Working Habits. It's Something We  
can All Live With.*

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## New Employees



**Billy Allen**  
Mine Inspector  
January 16, 2011  
Harlan District



**Charles Mitchell**  
Underground Mine Safety Analyst  
March 1, 2011  
Harlan District

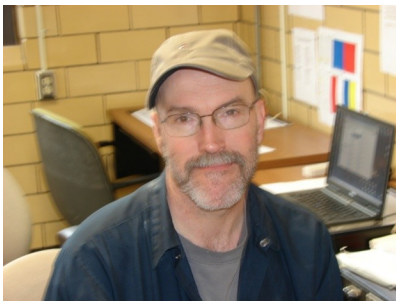


**Rodney Mosley**  
Mine Inspector  
February 1, 2011  
Martin District



**John Collins**  
Mine Inspector  
January 16, 2011  
Martin District

## Transfers/Promotions



**Brian Jones, Mine Inspector I**  
Transferred from  
Pikeville to Madisonville  
March 1, 2011



**Freddie Moore**  
Promoted to Inspector Principal  
Martin District  
March 1, 2011

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To View OMSL Disciplinary cases before  
the Kentucky Mine Safety Review  
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**OMSL.KY.GOV**



## **OMSL District Offices and Addresses**

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Supervisor: Ricky Johnson

### **Harlan**

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P O Box 836  
Harlan, KY 40831

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Fax: 606-573-1265

Supervisor: George Johnson

### **Hazard**

556 Village Lane  
P O Box 851  
Hazard, KY 41702

Tel. 606-435-6079  
Fax: 606-435-6078

Supervisor: Dave Mullins

### **Madisonville**

625 Hospital Drive  
P O Box 521  
Madisonville, KY 42431

Tel. 270-824-7523  
Fax: 270-824-7526

Supervisor: Ronnie Drake

### **Martin**

Coal Building  
P O Box 907  
Martin, KY 41649

Tel. 606-285-3227  
Fax: 606-285-9206

Supervisor: Randy Smith

### **Pikeville**

284 Weddington Branch Road  
P O Box 3023  
Pikeville, KY 41501

Tel. 606-433-7742  
Fax: 606-433-7763

Supervisor: Mike Elswick